

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$5,498,900** in grants in **Maine**.



Blue Star Museums. Photo by Debra Huskin

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Maine added **2.5%** or **\$1.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- Maine's arts and cultural industries employed **16,880** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$800 million**.
- **48.1%** of Maine's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **24.8%** attended art exhibits.



National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY17-FY19

Blue Star Museums program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **65 participating museums** in Maine.

Poetry Out Loud program provided opportunities for over **26,811 students** attending **113 high schools** in Maine to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated dynamic community reading programs, each designed around outstanding American literature in Maine.

Shakespeare in American Communities program in Maine enabled schools to offer children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

Creative Forces program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.

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Projects Funded by the Arts Endowment either Directly or Through its State Arts Agency Partnership Funds Occurred in These and Other Locations

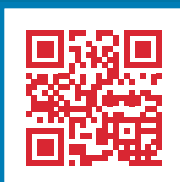
ME-01

317 Main Community Music Center
Bailey Island Community Church
Boothbay Harbor Opera House
Camden Opera House
Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine
Congress Square Park
Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center
Minnie Brown Center
Portland Public Library
Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts

ME-02

Bates Mill Complex
Haystack Mountain School of Crafts
Jesup Library
The Lewiston Public Theater
Orono High School
Sedgewick Elementary School
Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Inc.
Tides Institute & Museum Of Art
Western Maine Play Museum
Witherle Memorial Library

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